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# World Congress warns of 'increasing intimidation' of Soviet Jews

NEW YORK (JTA) –
The governing council of the World Jewish Congress registered "anxiety" at its closing session here Friday over the "increasing intimidation" of Soviet Jews, particularly those seeking exit permits to Israel.

The council also called for a world-wide commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the massacre of Jewish intellectuals in Russia which touched off the Stalin terror and marked the beginning of the liquidation of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union.

The resolution noted with appreciation the increased rate of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, and also "noted with regret that those who have been permitted to leave constitute only a small fraction of those who want to go." The right to leave a country, the resolution said, is a basic human right of every person. The resolution also called attention to the continued imprisonment of 43 Russian Jews in forced labor camps, "often in harsh conditions."

Dr. S. Levenburg, chairman of the WJC international affairs commission, who presented the report on Soviet Jewry, contrasted the cases of Angela Davis in California, who was freed in an open trial, with that of Sylvia Zalmanson, the Riga nurse who was sentenced to a labor camp only for demanding the right to leave for Israel.

The council endorsed a proposal by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president, to invite four leading men in the WJC to work with him in dealing with its affairs. Those invited by Dr. Goldmann are Dr. Joachim Prinz of Orange, N.J., governing council chairman; Dr. Tibor Rosenbaum of Geneva, treasurer; Dr. Gerhart Reigner of Geneva, secretary general; and Louis A. Pincus of Jerusalem, chairman of the executive of the World Zionist Organization.

The council also took note of Dr. Goldmann's intention to invite to meetings of this leadership all or some of the WJC regional chairmen, the heads of its international affairs and Israel political committees, heads of various departments, as well as representatives of major Jewish organizations affiliated with the WJC if their presence should be necessary for discussion of specific problems.

Since the governing council cannot make changes in the organizational structure of the WJC, it was understood that the WJC executive committee would review the situation at its meeting next year and confirm the composition of the leadership group, or make such changes as necessary. It was indicated that the final structure would rest with the plenary assembly which will meet in 1974 and make the necessary constitutional changes.

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# Shapiro resigns justice post; Meir favors Zadok as successor

JERUSALEM (JTA) –
Premier Golda Meir has taken over the justice ministry portfolio as her Labor alignment pondered the choice of a replacement for minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro, who resigned June 12. According to Israeli law, the premier takes over cabinet posts made vacant by resignations.

Sources close to Mrs. Meir told the JTA she favored Haim Zadok, chairman of the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee, for the post. They indicated, however, that Mrs. Meir might not name a new minister at least until after her return from the Socialist International meeting in Vienna next month.

According to sources here the delay is intentional – to allow the public furor over Shapiro's resignation to subside and to give the party leadership time to select a new minister with the proper judicial and political credentials.

Zadok, 55, is one of the country's top lawyers. He served briefly in the cabinet as minister of commerce and industry, 1965-66, but resigned over differences with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. Some circles expressed doubt he would give up his thriving practice to enter the government. He was deputy attorney general 1949-52.

Shapiro, who had become a controversial figure as a result of the Netivei Neft hearings, told the Knesset he resigned because of "an incessant and unbearable stream of personal denigration and suspicions." Political sources said the government could name an interim justice minister to serve until the national elections next year or could fill Shapiro's seat by reshuffling the cabinet.

In his Knesset statement, Shapiro said an "increasing feeling" of being alone was a factor in his decision. He also mentioned the "growing estrangement" of the Labor Party from religious labor elements in Israel and "the undermining of the judiciary's prestige."

Mrs. Meir, announcing the resignation, praised Shapiro for his "wide general knowledge and wisdom," which she said extended far beyond the confines of his ministry. She gave him special praise for the work of the ministerial committee on Jerusalem, which he headed.

Shapiro, a 70-year-old lawyer, was named justice minister in 1965. Born in Russia, he was educated at Kharkov University's Medical School, and after settling in Palestine in 1924 attended Jerusalem's Law School. A co-founder of Kibbutz Givat Hashlosha, he was also Israel's first Attorney General.

# Urges S. African students to 'cool' confrontation

JOHANNESBURG (JCNS) –
Witwatersrand University students were urged to "cool" their confrontation with the government and the police by I. A. Maisels, the general chairman of the South African Zionist Federation.

Maisels addressed a mass meeting of students and staff after baton charges by police to disperse students demonstrating in support of "equal education" for Blacks, and the arrest of nearly 70 students who face charges under the Riotous Assemblies Act.

"Please do not play into the hands of your enemies by providing them with ammunition with which to shoot you," Maisels said. "Agents provocateur are not entirely unknown and some people may incite you to take unlawful action. Avoid confrontations – direct all your efforts towards motivating the public."

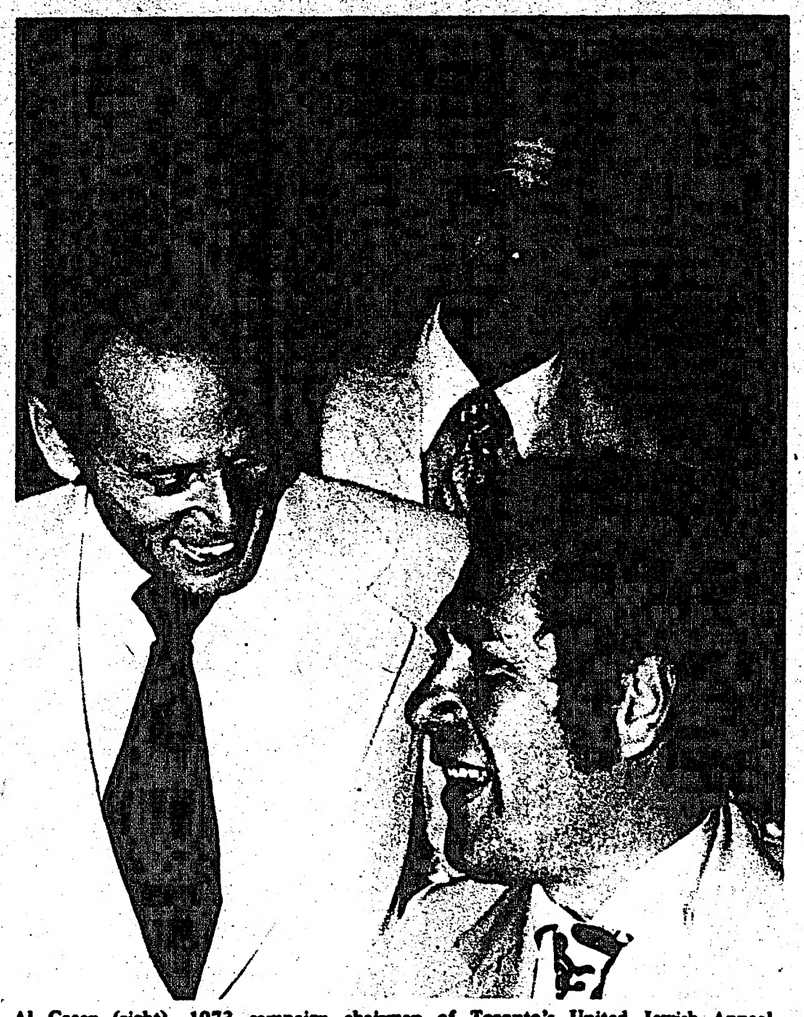
Maisels is a member of the university's convocation.

Ralph Judah, the vice-chairman of the Student Representative Council, who organized the protests and the picket parades at the university, said that security police had warned him to "watch out." He said he expected the "crunch" of police action to come during the congress of the National Union of South African students in Cape Town in July.

The JCNS Cape Town correspondent reports that a Nationalist member told the Cape Provincial Council that "it was only a few little Jews, not decent people, who organized the student demonstrations."

P. J. Carinus, of Stellenbosch said this when challenged by Miss A. Reinecke (United Party, Rondebosch) to say whether Nationalist members believed that students were "Leftist revolutionaries." Miss Reinecke said that many students who were unsympathetic to the aims of the demonstration on the cathedral steps in Cape Town associated themselves with a later protest last week.

The students, she said, were asserting their civil rights to protest freely when they disagreed with a particular policy.



Al Green (right), 1973 campaign chairman of Toronto's United Jewish Appeal–Israel Special Fund, accepts congratulations on his appointment from the retiring chairman Phil Granovsky. In the background is Dr. Gerald Halbert.

# Al Green is named UJA-ISF chairman

TORONTO –
Al Green, who served as chairman of the Special Gifts division of the 1972 Metropolitan Toronto United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign, has been named chairman of the 1973 campaign.

This was announced by the 1972 campaign chairman, Phil Granovsky, at the annual Campaign Appreciation Night held at Adath Israel Synagogue.

Green, an active UJA campaigner for the past 10 years, is president of Greenwin Construction Co. Ltd., and a member of a family that has long been prominent in communal affairs.

In accepting the appointment, Green said he is grateful to the leaders of the UJA-ISF "for conferring on me the honor and for entrusting me with the great responsibility of serving as your 1973 chairman."

Green said that he and his family "are completely dedicated to the cause of Israel and I want to do everything I can to help our Jewish homeland grow and prosper.

"I feel strongly also," he continued, "about the necessity of providing for our local needs. We must keep our community and our community institutions strong. It is our duty to pass this feeling on to the younger generation. Otherwise, there will be a gap in the continuity of Jewish life in Toronto. Nobody wants this to happen."

Aged 47, Al Green was born in Toronto and has lived here all his life. He admits that as a youth he wasn't too concerned with community life. But by the time the Second World War was over, and he realized the significance and the need for a Jewish homeland, he became a committed member of the community and has been actively involved ever since.

As a matter of fact he has set aside one full day a week, Friday, to devote to community and charitable projects. This is in addition to the considerable amount of time he spends on these matters during the rest of the week.

He is a former president of Temple Sinai, is on the boards of Baycrest and the Jewish Family and Child Service and, with his business associates, is involved in almost every facet of Toronto's Jewish life. His wife Gail is an active member of the UJA-ISF Women's Division.

In the business world, Green is active in the work of the Urban Development Institute and is on the board of directors.

Whenever he has the time, he enjoys tennis and fishing. He is also a sculptor and art collector. He and his wife encourage young artists and have provided a studio for a number of them.

The Greens have five children – two sons and three daughters – ranging in age from 8 to 24.

## *Anti-Semitism on rise, Torczyner declares*

LONDON (JCNS) –
Anti-Semitism in the United States, Latin America and other parts of the world is increasing, according to Jacques Torczyner, head of the national executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America.

In an interview during a recent visit to London, Torczyner said that Negroes in the United States were imperilling the position of Jews because the WASPS (White Anglo - Saxon Protestants) were willing for Jews to be replaced by Negroes.

For example, he said, John Lindsay, the Mayor of New York, had "opened" the city to anti-Semitism by giving the posts of Jewish teachers and school superintendents to Negroes.

Jews, Torczyner declared, had become "expendable" in the United States, and this was visible in the liberal professions, the arts and the mass media.

## *794 killed in military action*

JERUSALEM (JCNS) –
In the five years since the Six Day War, Israel has suffered 794 killed, either as a result of enemy activity or Israeli counter measures. Of those killed, 157 were civilians 637 members of the armed forces.

In the June War of 1967, Israel lost 803 soldiers and civilians. Just over 3,000 soldiers and civilians have been wounded in the five years since 1967.

The worst year for casualties in the period was between June 1, 1969, and May 31, 1970, when 319 soldiers and civilians were killed. The last 12 months have the best record for fewest casualties with 23 soldiers and 11 civilians killed and 83 soldiers and 57 civilians wounded.

# Jewish teachers await judgement on arbitration

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –
An arbitration hearing under the direction of the department of labor proceeded into second-stage meetings in a dispute between a teacher of the United Talmud Torah of Montreal and the administration of the school last week.

The negotiations – the first ever requested by the Jewish Teacher's Federation – were arranged because the school administration reduced the number of weekly working hours of Hanah Rakovski, a first year teacher.

According to union contracts, an employee can be dismissed within a 90 day period of the instructor's first year without the authorities providing reason, or without the teacher asking for recourse.

Lawyer Gino Castiglio, representing the Teacher's Federation, said Miss Rakovski was told her 18 1/2 hour work week was to be reduced to six hours, and limited to instructing students who attend the school's afternoon Hebrew classes. He said she was notified of this change on the 89th day of her employment.

Representing the department of labor is Granby lawyer Raymond Thastale, who was involved in the case at the first meeting held four weeks ago at the Board of Trade Building in Montreal.

At the first hearing, Lawyer David Kirshenblatt, representing the United Talmud Torah, said the administration raised "the legal objection that the clause in the contract basically precludes any grievance procedure for an employee who is dismissed during the 90 day probation period."

Castiglio said, "The case rested on whether or not she was dismissed. We believed Miss Rakovski was not dismissed since she was still in the employ of the school board."

Three weeks later Maitre Thastale rendered his judgment, saying the teacher was not dismissed since she was working under the umbrella of the total contract.

The second and third, eight-hour-long marathon meetings were held last week with the administration, and last Monday with the parents to determine "cause" for Miss Rakovski's work shortage.

Maitre Thastale is expected to render his judgment based on the results of the hearings – which were closed to the public – in July.

# Island yachters garner trophies

By SHAELA LEWIS

TORONTO –
Fresh winds helped Island Yacht Club sailors to a fine showing in the annual Royal Canadian Yacht Club Open Regatta last Saturday.

Two hundred Toronto and district keel boats competed on the standard nine mile course in the second Metro Yacht Racing Council event of the season, while on the dingy course, 143 centreboards competed in dying winds.

Island Yacht Club's Junior Club, represented by John Freeman and Jeff Sutton took a first in their 505 and Elliot Lewis and Karen Ann Kirzner finished second in their class, sailing a Junior Club Albacore. These dingy sailors received their training through IYC's Junior sailing program.

Island Yacht Club keel boat sailors also did well in their division competitions.

Among those receiving flags for first, second or third placings were: Sid Bregman skipper of Avanti; Harry Cherney, Verago; IYC Commodore Walter Zwig, Bacchanalia; John Bussin, Iliad; Irvin Besen, Synergy; Joel Lewis, Yoffi; Dave Cooper, Hap 11; and Norm Sherman in Skylark.

Awards were presented to the winners in a formal ceremony on the front lawn of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club.

Regattas are held by each yacht club in the Toronto area on a rotation basis, and competition is open to any member registered with MYRC. The Island Yacht Club Annual Regatta will be held this year on July 15.

Triumphant skipper and his crew prepare to celebrate victory in regatta sponsored by Royal Canadian Yacht Club. Island Yacht club's Irving Besen leans on boom while Shaela Lewis and Allen Duyf look on. Besen's craft Synergy took first in IOR Division 4. Two centre-boards and eight keel boats earned flags for the Island Yacht Club

# Organizations and People

Helen Gross (left) has been named chairman of the 1973 UJA–ISF women's division. She accepts the gavel of office from retiring chairman, Edith Eason. Ida Kent was installed as vice-president. The 1972 women's division campaign raised $500,000–a 25% increase over the previous year, said Mrs. Eason. (Photo by Gadi Hoz)

## *Beth Tzedec votes against resolution of no-confidence*

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO -

Members of the Beth Tzedec voted 158-151 Monday to table a resolution of no-confidence in the synagogue's board of governors.

The vote came at the congregation's semi annual meeting attended by a crowd estimated between 600 and 700 persons.

The resolution of no-confidence was put forward by Jerry Freeman.

If the resolution is accepted, then the board "as honorable men" should resign, said Freeman.

Aubrey Golden, speaking in support of the resolution said the board should resign if a vote showed a lack of confidence in them and new elections should be held immediately.

"We spoke Feb. 13 and voted and since then there's been pettiness and problems" he said. "Now is the time to take an accounting of who is responsible."

A synagogue general meeting voted on Feb. 13 to renew the contract of Rabbi Ben Hollander, rabbi in charge of youth and education. However the board at a later meeting decided not to renew the contract.

Jess Glass called for the withdrawal of the non-confidence resolution. "Why not wait until the election?" he asked. "Why create dissension and a chasm within the synagogue."

Moishe Reiter introduced a motion to table the no-confidence resolution. Synagogue President Jack Friedman announced the result of the standing vote.

During the meeting, members of the Beth Tzedec Parents for Youth and Education introduced a number of resolutions and notices of motions to amend the constitution and bylaws of the synagogue.

Included were resolutions calling for the right of women to hold office and vote in the synagogue and fewer lifetime member voters. They called for the board to be bound by all resolutions passed at any regularly constituted meeting, safeguards to eliminate the practice "of secret and selective use of proxies" and "a more representative board of governors."

The resolutions and notices of motion will be debated at the congregation's next general meeting. No date has been set yet.

# Rabbis heap praise on Felder at synagogue testimonial dinner

By JERRY GLADMAN

TORONTO -

More than 500 people, including prominent rabbis from Canada and the U.S., Sunday night honored world renowned Rabbi Gedalia Felder for 20 years of distinguished service as spiritual leader of the Orthodox Shomrai Shabbos Synagogue.

Rabbi Menachem Tzvi Eichenstein, chief rabbi of the Vaad Hair of St. Louis, Mo., told the gathering at the banquet hall of the Associated Hebrew School on Bathurst St. that Rabbi Felder is "one of the mightiest rabbinic forces in the U.S. and Canada.

"He is known the world over as a great authority and his books are used by rabbonim everywhere, including Israel," said Rabbi Eichenstein, who is a recognized Talmudic and Hebrew scholar.

He said he was overwhelmed by the respect, love and friendship bestowed on Rabbi Felder by the members of the Shomrai Shabbos Congregation. Shomrai Shabbos is celebrating its 75th anniversary as the oldest remaining Orthodox congregation in Toronto.

"He is the type so urgently needed in the Jewish life today," said the esteemed visitor from St. Louis.

He described Rabbi Felder as a courageous servant known throughout the world.

"His 20 years of dynamic leadership commands respect. He has shown dignity and honor to the entire rabbinate throughout the world."

Rabbi Felder has written nine seforim and numerous articles for Torah journals. A former chairman of the Rabbinical Council of America, he is currently an executive member of the Council.

Both Rabbi Eichenstein and Rabbi Felder are members of the Beth Din Tzedek (Rabbinic Court) of the Rabbinical Council of America.

The testimonial dinner was doubly rewarding for Rabbi Felder when he was conferred with the title of Doctor of Talmudic Law by the Ner Israel Rabbinical College, Baltimore, where he studied in his youth.

Rabbi Herman Neuberger, vice - president of the college, who presented Rabbi Felder with the doctorate, said the college was conferring upon him "the highest honorary degree in recognition of his outstanding record of learning and abilities.

"A great sage is one who maintains the tradition and laws of our sages," said Rabbi Neuberger. "His (Dr. Felder's) is a most incredible piece of scholarship."

Dr. Felder's two oldest sons, Aaron and Moshe, both graduated from the Baltimore college.

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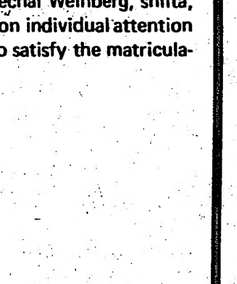

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# Organizations and People

## what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

Robert Welch

**J.V.S. ANNIVERSARY**

The Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto celebrates its 25th anniversary this month with a special program acknowledging the service of certain directors and staff. The program takes place at the annual meeting on Wednesday, June 28, at 12 noon, at the Park Plaza Hotel. Special guest is to be Robert Welch, Ontario minister for social development. J.V.S. conducts a wide-ranging vocational adjustment program and also operates the Vocational Rehabilitation Centre of Metro.

**RALLY FOR SYRIAN JEWS**

Noted American civil rights leader Bayard Rustin is guest speaker at the community-wide rally sponsored by the Canadian Committee of Concern for Jews in Syria at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel on Tuesday, June 27, at 8 p.m. Mr. Rustin, a special assistant to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is a founding member of the American Committee to Alleviate the Plight of Minorities in Arab Countries.

**PETAH TIKVA GOES NORTH**

To keep up with the ever-growing needs of its congregation, Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla is moving next month from its present Brunswick Ave. location to a site on Ellerslie Ave. in Willowdale. Plans are to build a new hall to be used as an education centre replacing the house already on the property. The synagogue will be erected above the hall when sufficient funds are available (the sisterhood is very active in that department). Petah Tikva, Toronto's first sephardic congregation, was founded by a group of Moroccan Jews from Tangiers 15 years ago.

**CALGARY NEWS**

The Calgary Jewish Community Council's 10th annual meeting was addressed by Sol Kanee, national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, who emphasized the need for being prepared for change within the community and the importance of setting Israel's health and welfare needs as a top priority. The program also included the installation of new president Walter C. Barron, his executive and board; a review of the council's progress over the past two years by out-going president Maurice Paperny; and a report by local 1972 UJA chairman Norman Green.

**EL AL IN PARIS**

Israeli and French aviation authorities have signed an agreement enabling El Al Airlines to route trans-Atlantic flights between Tel Aviv and Montreal via Paris. Also approved are traffic rights at Paris on El Al's new route between Tel Aviv and Latin America.

**SINAI SERVICE GROUP**

The Sinai Service Group held its 18th annual dinner at the Richelieu Lounge last Monday with Mrs. Benjamin Walker as chairman of the evening. Mrs. Albert Jessel was installed as president of the group which raises funds for cancer research.

**MARK 70TH YEAR**

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the World Mizrachi Zionist Movement. In Montreal the 70th Anniversary Assembly takes place on Tuesday, June 27, at 8:15 p.m. at the Young Israel of Montreal, Hillsdale Rd. Guest speaker is to be the grandson of the founder, Rabbi Avigdor Cyperstein, professor of rabbinics at Yeshiva University.

**PROVIDING KOSHER MEALS**

The Hebrew Weston Charitable Services was originally formed to provide kosher meals for Weston Sanitorium patients. But according to newly installed president, Mrs. Fred Biback, the hospital's needs have changed and for the past six years the group has been involved in the Federation of Jewish Women's Organization's meals-on-wheels program.

## . . . about people

David Ben Gurion

According to international Zionist leader **Jacques Torczyner**, chairman of the Zionist Organization of America's 75th National Jubilee Convention in Israel, **David Ben Gurion** is to be presented with the Theodor Herzl Award at the convention banquet July 18. Among previous recipients of the organization's highest citation is former prime minister Lester Pearson.

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Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for the past six years, who was to have filled the newly defined post of chancellor upon the retirement of Dr. Louis Finkelstein, has resigned. Dr. Gerson Cohen, originally designated president and president of faculties, will now assume the chancellorship in addition to the presidency. A noted historian, he will continue as professor of history. Dr. Mandelbaum has been named president emeritus in recognition of his service to the seminary and its affiliates. Dr. Finkelstein becomes chancellor emeritus.

Western University's new chairman of the department of oral medicine, **Dr. Ralph I. Brooke**, hails from Leeds, England, where he was senior lecturer and head of oral medicine at Leeds University Dental School and Hospital. He was also consultant dental surgeon to the United Leeds Hospital.

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At 36, Torontonian **Irving Rosen** is the youngest president to head the 9,000 member Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario.

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June is graduation month and who wouldn't like to have **Moshe Dayan** address his (or her) graduation class! That is exactly what happened to **Fred Hoppe** when he received his masters of science degree in pure and applied mathematics from the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, Israel, recently. Fred also received a fellowship from Princeton University and after spending the summer in home-town Toronto, he will go to New Jersey to complete his doctorate.

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Another Canadian who studied in Israel this year is **David Weiner** of Sydney, N.S. He is among the 15 Jewish teenagers from Canada and the U.S. to graduate from the Zionist Organization of America's Mollie Goodman High School established in Kfar Silver for American youth.

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It's a 50th anniversary for the Horace R. Cohens of Montreal.

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**Paul Rubin** continues as president of the Hebrew Men of England Congregation following his re-election two weeks ago.

# Dave Robbins named Man of the Year

TORONTO -

More than 200 individuals, synagogues and organizations were honored at the annual Campaign Appreciation Night of the United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund in recognition of their outstanding efforts on behalf of the campaign.

The Man of the Year Award went to Dave Robbins, a co-chairman of the construction division. Said campaign chairman Phil Granovsky in announcing the award: "It's not an easy one to make because so many of you have done so much, so willingly for the campaign. But after deep consideration of the matter by your leadership, and an analysis of the records, we have no doubt that Dave Robbins deserves this coveted title."

The Synagogue of the Year Award, for "extraordinary service" to the campaign went to Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Special awards were given to Granovsky "for his devoted service as campaign chairman;" and to Jack Rose, chairman, campaign planning committee; Al Green, chairman, special gifts; David Goldberg and Willie Rosengarten, co-chairmen, trades and professions; Izy Stern and Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, co-chairmen synagogue council; Sidney Starkman, chairman, synagogues and organizations; Gordon Mendly, chairman, organizations council; Mrs. Edith Eason, chairman, women's division.

Dave Robbins (left) was declared man of the year at 1972 UJA—ISF special fund campaign. He is being congratulated by campaign chairman Phil Granovsky.

There was a presentation also to Col. Jacob Monbaz, Israel consul-general, who leaves Toronto shortly to become ambassador to Malawi.

He said that with the exception of the 1967 emergency campaign, "you have surpassed every campaign ever held by the United Jewish Appeal and this is a record of which we can be justifiably proud."

Granovsky reported that the total raised to date for the 1972 campaign is $7,150,000. Contributions are running 15% over last year.

He declared that the campaign is not over. "There are still many prospects to be covered. I hope most of you will continue your canvassing activities and help me make certain that each and every prospect is contacted."

Granovsky praised the 1972 canvassers and told them that "you have performed magnificently. . . . I wish everybody in the community had worked as diligently and responded as generously as you did."

He said canvassers do a thankless job and one that is often abused for requesting what should be done voluntarily - namely, giving a part of one's income or profit or even one's capital to those who are less fortunate. "No matter what your position," he said, "there are always people less fortunate and they certainly deserve some fruits of life.

"At this very moment," he continued, "help is necessary for Jews in Russia, Jews in Arab countries and even Jews in our own community. And yet, so many people of means can't see why they should do their part. They don't realize that without the state of Israel they, and we, would not be able to live as Jews so freely in this community."


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# *Fear for Jews' fate in South America*

From CJN Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL -

A World Jewish Congress conference scheduled for October in Lima, Peru has been organized because the problems encountered by Jews in Latin and South America are being expressed "too quietly", says the world President of Hadassah-Wizo.

"Dramatic economic, social, and political changes taking place in such countries as Chile or Argentina indicate that something is moving," said Raya Jaglom at a news conference in Montreal.

Plans were laid to hold the conference at a meeting of the governing council of the World Jewish Congress in New York last week.

The conference, she added, "will attempt to find out what is the real position of Jews in those lands" since it is the responsibility of the Congress to determine the security of Jews in foreign lands.

The governing council also issued plans for the WJC conference in The Hague "where there will be closer co-operation between the World Congress and the World Zionist Federation.

"Jews in those lands would be smart to send their youth to Israel at least, if not themselves," she said.

Mrs. Jaglom, who worked in the communications division of the Haganah during Israel's War of Independence, was in town to attend the Montreal Hadassah council's annual dinner.

Some 1,000 Hadassah members who attended the dinner at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel pledged their "unanimous support to alleviate poverty and social inequality in Israel."


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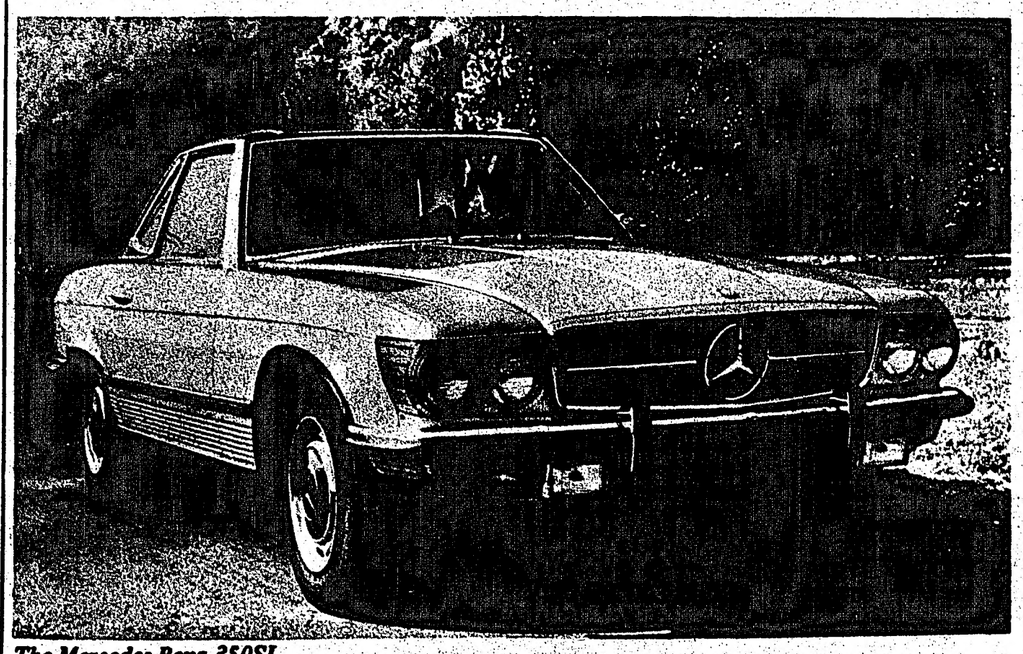
At the last meeting of the Lodzer Centre Ladies' Auxiliary, a $6,500 cheque was presented to Rabbi David Monson, Honorary Chairman of the United Organizations for Histradrut, for the purchase of an ambulance to serve the people of Israel. This latest gift enhances the admirable record which the Lodzer Ladies have acquired over the years by their many contributions to the health and educational needs of the State of Israel.

Pictured with Rabbi Monson are executive members of the group. Seated left to right: Mary Ciechanowski, Mary Awronski, Rabbi David Monson, Luba Drew, Regina Wildbaum, Esther Blimbaum. Standing left to right: Minnie Peters, Sala Ber, Regina Fisher, Genya Pruszynowski, Bella Sniatowski, Helen Kutkowski, Freda Brot, Luba Paddock and Esther Freiberg.

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'Only small wedge'

## *Hails ordination of first woman as rabbi by Reform movement*

It's only a small wedge into what has been an all-male domain for 5,000 years, but after what happened recently, the Jewish faith won't ever be quite the same again, structurally speaking.

What happened last week was that a woman entered the ranks of the rabbinate and became the first of her sex anywhere in the world to do so. She is Sally Priesand who was ordained in the Plum Street Reform Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The news of her ordination was featured by an almost total silence on the part of the Conservative and Orthodox communities and even the Reform movement with its liberal outlook failed to hail this latest manifestation of Women's Lib. It takes a lot of getting used to, this breakthrough into a field closed to women for lo these many centuries.

The 25-year-old rabbi, who was once criticized for wearing a mini skirt under her clerical robe, is going to have to make her way over a rocky road of prejudice, but judging from the views she expressed in a recent interview, this won't faze her one bit. She is a rabbi in good standing, if not exactly in good odor with the Establishment, and intends to be "as good a rabbi as I can be."

Rabbi Sally Priesand

Soon to follow Rabbi Sally into the rabbinate is Mrs. Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, a third-year student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College of Temple University in Philadelphia. She wants to help balance the predominantly masculine perspective in Judaism with a feminine counterpart, not a new idea by any means, but one which up to now has been nothing but wishful thinking.

Mrs. Sasso says women have been accorded less than full stature in Judaism and she bolsters her statement with examples from the Old Testament. She makes several telling points; one being the words included in the morning prayers of religious men thanking God for "not having made me a woman." And then there is the Talmudic admonition which says "let the words of the Torah rather be destroyed by fire than be imparted to a woman."

Judaism has survived centuries of all sorts of trials and tribulations, emerging stronger from each ordeal. To equate the entry of women into the rabbinate with the crises of Jewish history, would be a prime example of male arrogance and his supposed superiority as the exclusive occupier of the pulpit.

These two pioneers about to venture into strange and possibly hostile territory undoubtedly are the forerunners of many more. We wish them well and in time we believe women will attain the same liberation in the field of religion as they have achieved elsewhere. That day may be far off, but not too distant, if we are to believe the evidence all around us.

Acceptance of the inevitable, intellectually if not emotionally, will come with a total reappraisal of the historic role of Jewish women. As Mrs. Sasso says, a dose of Women's Lib philosophy is sorely needed.

## *WASP majority group portrayed as lunk-heads by commercial*

Jews, because of their own experience, have been especially sensitive to racial or ethnic slurs when directed at them or directed at others.

When other minority groups have been the object of discrimination or victimized by crude stereotypes which held them up to ridicule or contempt, Jews have always been in the forefront of those who sought to correct the situation.

It is perhaps out of this same quality of sensitivity, out of Jewish distress with injustice, that **The Canadian Jewish News** wishes to express its disapproval of the commercials used by one of Canada's major beer manufacturers.

Anyone who watches television has seen the commercial to which we refer. The scene is usually a poolside, or a swinging single party. The people are obviously intended to portray young, healthy, successful members of the white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant and Catholic majority group.

Whether jogging in the park, cavorting around the poolside or drifting from person to person at a party, they are represented as being lunk-heads, straining at some kind of febrile humor or demonstrating signs of seriously delayed adolescence. "Inane, clumsy, insensitive, stupid," the commercial seems to say, as it derogates the good name of the majority Canadian.

**The Canadian Jewish News** is not inclined to go on crusades, to complain to the Human Rights Commission or even to call on a beer manufacturer to desist from using the commercials if they sell beer. We cannot help wondering, however, why all those white Anglo-Saxons are not protesting against the insult they are suffering. Surely they must be aware of the harm being done to them!

Perhaps, not having had our experience in organizing and protesting such matters they feel helpless. In that case, they can look to the Jewish community for advice and help until they feel confident to do it themselves.

## *Jewish Vocational Service earns respect for 25 years service*

This week the Jewish Vocational Service is celebrating the 25th year of its existence in Toronto.

In that time, we have seen it grow both in size and concept. It began as a small agency with three staff members. Today, some 25 professionals provide a variety of complex services.

In the beginning, the JVS offered little more than a job placement service for those seeking employment in the difficult days following World War II. Today, these services have been expanded to include vocational counselling, rehabilitation and sheltered workshops.

JVS has also led the way in innovating new practices and techniques. Eager to be more helpful to the Jewish community, JVS workers have not just sat in their offices waiting for people to find them. They have brought their specialized knowledge to Jewish day schools, community centres and youth agencies.

So unique has been the range and quality of the services developed by JVS that it has become a source of strength for the whole community, Jewish and non-Jewish alike.

The United Appeal and the provincial government, recognizing the advanced nature of JVS programs, has financed the extension of those services to all of our citizens. Again, the Jewish community can be proud that what began as an answer to our own needs has pointed the way for everyone.

For 24 out of the 25 years of the agency's existence, Milton Friedman has served as JVS's executive director. Quietly, steadily, skilfully he has enlarged the concept of vocational services. Without losing sight of people and their need for jobs, reassurance and hope, he has helped the community become aware of the full range of human difficulties in the field of employment.

Russian immigrants meeting their Israeli relatives for the first time at Lod Airport.

# Intermarriage high among Russian immigrant wave

*This is the final instalment of an important article by* **Maurice Friedberg**, *professor of Slavic languages at Indiana University. He is the author of numerous studies on Soviet literature. The present article is excerpted from a publication of the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry.*

Some of the newly arrived immigrants appear to have lived in the USSR nearly totally insulated from Soviet society and, indeed, from their non-Jewish environment. One was astounded to discover these Russian-Jewish "inner emigres," people who sought out inconspicuous, lowly occupations and distant places of residence which permitted them to lead their private lives relatively undisturbed and unaffected by the innumerable ways in which Soviet bureaucracy interferes in the affairs of ordinary citizens. Some of these men and women appeared only dimly aware of Soviet life; their horizons were rigidly limited to that which one had to know merely to survive or to be left alone by the authorities. In this respect they bore some resemblance to the portraits of peasants from distant villages of Northern Russia that emerge occasionally from post-Stalin Soviet fiction, such as the stories of Yuri Kazakov or Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

Like their non-Jewish literary counterparts, they tended to be poor, uneducated, religious, but also, somehow, less corrupted by the pretenses and cynicism of urban Soviet modernity. Quite a few such people lived in the villages and towns of Georgia, where they worked as artisans or laborers; they spoke nothing but Georgian and a smattering of Hebrew. Others were survivors of the once vibrant Jewish communities of the Ukraine and Western Russia, the shtetlech immortalized in Yiddish literature and in modern painting. Most often they spoke Yiddish, but they also knew the languages of their non-Jewish neighbors, such as Ukrainian or Moldavian, as well as some Russian; occasionally, their Russian was excellent.

A few who came from Georgia reported that their relations with their Georgian neighbors were distant, but on the whole very good; they seemed to have been regarded by them as some strange religious sectarians, but Georgians nevertheless. Their decision to leave for Israel was strongly influenced by religious fervor; to them it was, indeed, the ingathering of the exiles in the Holy Land of their forefathers. In this respect they were more reminiscent of the migrants from Yemen than from the large cities of European Russia.

**MODEL SOVIET CITIZENS**

At the other end of the spectrum were men and women who, in many respects, might have been considered "model" Soviet citizens. They were, almost without exception, well-educated professionals, reasonably affluent by Soviet standards, and certainly fully integrated in the country's cultural and social life. Outwardly fully Russified, not a few among them were intermarried, and yet they opted – as did their non-Jewish partners – for emigration to Israel.

I was surprised by what seemed to be a high percentage of intermarriages among the recent wave of immigrants from the USSR, although it should be borne in mind that an intermarriage in the Soviet Union does not usually constitute a union between members of different religious faiths, since as a rule among the young neither partner is a member of any faith. Probably the best known among the Gentile partners in such mixed marriages among the new arrivals in Israel is Victor Fedoseyev, a journalist who is known to have been among the activists of the Jewish "underground" in the USSR, but there were other cases of such non-Jews who rallied to the Jewish cause.

Not unexpectedly, intermarried couples, though treated with scrupulous equality by the Israeli authorities, often encounter some reserve on the part of their Israeli neighbors: intermarriage is rare in the Middle East generally. I also heard of a few cases when a child in a Jewish-Gentile marriage would return from school complaining of mistreatment by classmates; in at least one case this happened to a boy who was similarly mistreated while in the USSR – except that there it was for being a Jew!

One poignant tale related to me involved a Gentile woman who was advised by some well-meaning Israelis to undergo conversion to Judaism "for the sake of the children." The children, she was told, would discover upon growing up that being a non-Jew would result in complications should they decide to marry Jews in Israel where there is no civil marriage, only religious, and that all this can be avoided if she were to undergo a simple ceremony of conversion. After considerable reflection, the Russian woman turned down the offer.

**DEMEANING TO FAITH**

The reason she gave was that, being an agnostic ("at this time," she emphasized) she believes it would be dishonest of her to feign conversion to whatever religious faith, even for the sake of her future children. To do so, she said, would be demeaning to the religious faith she would pretend to embrace, as well as to herself. She did not rule out the possibility that she may change her mind in the future, and become a professing Jew – or Christian. Otherwise, however, the young woman was making every effort to adapt to the new country, to learn its language, customs and traditions.

Even the very fragmentary evidence at our disposal suggests more caution in generalizing about Jewish assimilation in the USSR.

Intermarriage is a case in point. Traditionally considered an indicator of loss of Jewish identity by Western sociologists, it does not appear to act as a major impediment to Jewish self-assertion in the USSR. This is demonstrated not only by the recent arrivals to Israel, but also by the little information we have about Jews still in the USSR.

Some of the "Zionist" prisoners in the USSR have had non-Jewish spouses. These include one of the earliest prisoners, Boris Kochubiyevsky, who was tried in Kiev (and who has now reached Israel), and two of the most recent ones, Valeri Kukui and Yuli Kosharovsky, both tried in 1971 in Sverdlovsk, a distant city in the Urals with a small Jewish community and without any communal life.

Ironically, the source of this information is the speeches of the prosecution at the two trials. In Sverdlovsk, the fact that both of the accused had non-Jewish wives was used as "evidence" of their ingratitude to the Soviet State, while in Kiev Kochubiyevsky's wife, a Ukrainian girl, was mocked for getting involved with a despicable "Zionist."

**FALL BETWEEN EXTREMES**

Not unexpectedly, the vast majority of the Soviet immigrants to Israel fall somewhere between the two extremes. While seemingly integrated into Soviet society, they were somewhat alienated from it; though largely assimilated into Soviet Russian culture, they retained vestiges of their Jewish heritage. Indeed, their level of acculturation to their non-Jewish milieu was not unlike that of their American-Jewish counterparts of the same generation and comparable social standing. While Russian was the language they were most fluent in, they could, for the most part, speak or at least understand some Yiddish (except, of course, for the immigrants from Georgia where no Yiddish was ever spoken).

Even though intermarriage was no longer a rarity, it was still an exception. Most of the new immigrants would neither be likely to try to "pass" for Russians, nor to be accepted as such.

By and large, they were members of the Soviet middle class – neither working class or farmers (though there were some of these) nor the ruling elite (I met none that could fit this description). Among typical occupations were different types of technicians, laboratory personnel, accountants, engineers, schoolteachers, doctors, nurses, librarians, clerks and the like. Economically, they were neither among the privileged nor among the disadvantaged of Soviet society.

Similarly, their specifically Jewish grievances were not as deep-seated and practically insoluble as those of the more devout Jews, nor as tied to anti-Semitism as those of the most assimilated of the immigrants. The decision of this middle group to opt for emigration to Israel and, prior to that, to link their fate to that of Russia's "Jewish underground" had some positive roots as well – a genuine attachment to, or at least a nostalgia for, Jewish culture, tradition and peoplehood.

Russian immigrants getting their first legal Hebrew lesson at an Israeli school.

## ask the rabbi

### *New Testament seen as work of historic import*

**1. What is the Jewish attitude to reading the New Testament?**

**RESPONSE:**

*It is obvious that Judaism disagrees profoundly with any reading of the New Testament as a religious exercise, so that rabbis of every school of thought would not tolerate readings from it during the synagogue service or quote from it in their sermons in support of Jewish teaching. In this connection it is interesting to note that Mishna (Sanhedrin 10,1) declares that even to read the "external books" (i.e. the books of the Apocrypha) in public worship is a very serious offence. Although the Talmudic rabbis themselves quote at times from the book of Ben Sira, they disapproved strongly of reading from id during the synagogue service which would it during the synagogue service which would tend to endow it with a sanctity it does not possess. In the case of the New Testament the rule applies a fortiori in that the work is the scripture of a faith other than Judaism.*

*Private reading for the purpose of acquiring knowledge of a collection of books that has undoubtedly influenced mankind, or for apologetic reasons, or even out of sheer curiosity, is a very different matter. Doubtless there are Jews who would frown on any reading of the New Testament but there have been many famous Jewish teachers who were thoroughly familiar with the work. The normal Jewish attitude is: reading the New Testament as a work of historic importance, Yes: as devotional literature, No.*

**2.** Which, if any, modern detergent may a housewife use on saucepans and crockery? In our home we have the belief that anything which makes bubbles is soap and trefa.

**RESPONSE:**

*Not all soap is trefa, only if it contains non-kosher animal products. The manufacturers can be consulted to discover whether these animal products are used. But to be on the safe side the best thing to do is to use brands certified as kosher, of which there are one or two on the market.*

*Hopes for federation*

# Life better as terrorism ends in Gaza

By NECHEMIA MYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

The fact that June 5 passed without incident in East Jerusalem and the administered areas is less dramatic but more significant than the bloodbath at Lydda Airport six days beforehand. For Japanese suicide squads, even if they kill dozens of innocent people, cannot compensate for the failure of Arafat and Habash to establish themselves in the Arab-inhabited districts occupied by Israeli forces for a full five years.

Nowhere is the Fatah debacle more evident than in the Gaza Strip, which, just last summer, was the scene of 30 to 40 incidents every month. Then, tough paratrooper general Arik Sharon came in with new anti-terrorist methods based on small mobile units that moved quickly and arrived, without warning, in previously unpatrolled corners of orange groves, refugee camps and towns. Sharon's tactics were so successful that terrorism has ceased; there hasn't been a political killing or even a grenade thrown for over three months.

Once Fatah pressure was eliminated, Gaza Strip residents, and particularly the refugees, began to take full advantage of economic opportunities across the pre-1967 border lines. The estimated 40,000 who now work for Israeli employers and earn Israeli wages have brought home enough money - $16.5-million last year and probably $24-million this year - to raise living standards far above what they were before the Six Day War.

Workers have bought bicycles, furniture and TV sets for their families; some have even built or moved into new homes. And while the erstwhile refugees still hold tight to their UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency) cards and collect their UNRWA rations, they are nevertheless beginning to plan for a more stable future, a future in which they realize - however unenthusiastically - Israel will probably figure.

This is indicated by, among other things, the registration of some 400 Gaza Strip teachers for intensive summer Hebrew courses, on completion of which they will, in accordance with parental requests, introduce Hebrew instruction at Gaza schools.

Economic progress does not, of course, automatically bring political progress, and so far there is little political common ground between the Gazans and the Israelis: while government spokesmen in Jerusalem say that the Strip must remain part of Israel, Gaza Mayor Haj Rashad Shawad insists it must be linked with the West Bank as part of an independent Arab State. There might be an acceptable compromise in the plan put forward this week by Transport and Communications Minister Shimon Peres, who is also the minister responsible for the administered areas. Peres envisions a federative Israel with separate Jewish and Arab "provinces"; the "federal government" would handle defence, finance and foreign policy, while the "provincial governments" deal with all other matters.

A federal solution would certainly not eliminate friction, but it might permit two individualistic peoples to coexist in the same cramped corner of the Middle East which both regard as their homeland.

# Yiddish revival takes many forms

By J. B. SALSBERG

Would you believe it that some Toronto Blacks, Filipinos and Japanese have registered for a course in Yiddish?

Do you know that a group of Toronto social workers are also planning to study Yiddish?

And do you know that for the first time ever students at the University of Toronto will be able to attend a class in Yiddish language?

Yes, and how many of you know that York University had a course, albeit given, for the time being, in English on Yiddish Literature last year and that this course is being continued in the coming school year?

Are you aware that the Committee on Yiddish of the Canadian Jewish Congress (in collaboration with the YMHA) has established a Yiddish drama group, consisting mainly of enthusiastic young people who are in the midst of preparing their first, full length production?

**HILLEL CLASSES**

And do you know that Hillel House, conducted a Yiddish class for U of T students all last winter and is now giving a summer course in Yiddish at the request of students?

But enough of this questioning. After all there is a limit to putting you, my gentle readers, on the spot. If you averaged 50% in your answers to the above questions you are well above the average Canadian Jew in your knowledge of what's happening in the world of Yiddish today. So take heart.

However, before proceeding let me answer some of the questions I placed in the beginning of this piece.

The Blacks, Filipinos and Japanese are nurses, therapists and other members on the staff of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Baycrest Hospital. They found that a knowledge of Yiddish would enable them to better serve the residents and patients whose mother tongue is Yiddish. The enrolment for this course was so large that arrangements are now being made with Seneca College to organize and conduct the classes.

(Will the heads of some prominent Jewish educational institutions in which Yiddish is not taught please take note?)

**SOCIAL WORKERS STUDY**

As for the group of social workers; they are members of the staff of the Jewish Family and Child Care Services who desire a working knowledge of Yiddish for the same reasons that the Baycrest group wants it.

The other questions raised need no answers; they are actually information of facts that are, unfortunately, not generally known. Nor is it known that the Yiddish film **Tevie Der Milchiger** drew more people than any other event presented at the St. Lawrence Centre last winter.

All this because of the conference on Yiddish held here a couple of weeks ago. About 150 delegates and interested people participated in an inspiring one day study session that resulted in the enthusiastic acceptance of an extended program of educational and cultural activities that will bring some of the rich Yiddish cultural heritage of our people to the Jewish communities in Ontario.

"Ah," some wiseacre is sure to say, "do you really believe that Yiddish has a future?" My answer is that I am no clairvoyant but Yiddish, our Mame-Loshen for more than half a milleneum, surely had a great past and has a substantially active present and he who turns his back on this national heritage is cutting himself down in size.

**YIDDISH CONFERENCE**

I would also say, in reply, that the children from the Yiddish classes in the Byalik, Peretz, Borochov and Beth Tzedec schools who addressed the conference in Yiddish are already more thoroughly integrated in contemporary Jewish life than are those of our young who are robbed of all knowledge of Yiddish language, literature etc. I would also say that the section of English speaking enthusiasts - most of whom are parents of young children - who put their heads together at a special workshop during the Yiddish conference are culturally more Jewish than most of their contemporaries.

Am I exaggerating? I don't think so but then I am unashamedly very partial to Yiddish, the language our people created; the language that only Jews speak; the language in which generations of our ancestors spoke, wrote, sang, worshipped, lamented and bade their final farewells in. It is ours as Hebrew is ours, as the totality of our history is ours.

# *Claims Chief Rabbi Unterman has change of heart on issue of Mizrachi ministers leaving cabinet*

Dear Editor:

Your report on the rift around the Israeli Chief Rabbis' statements about Mizrachi (CJN, May 19) was fascinating reading. However, it has since been overtaken by further developments.

Your report stated that two years ago the Israel Chief Rabbinate Council decreed that the Mizrachi ministers must leave the cabinet unless the 'Who is a Jew'-issue is resolved to define conversions to Judaism according to Halacha. Two months ago, in private letters responding to Mizrachi pressures related to the forthcoming election of chief rabbis, Rabbis Unterman and Nissim expressed (what they themselves termed) personal opinions that said ministers should not now leave the government, though they may not implement the Law of Return. This created the furor reported in The CJN.

Now Chief Rabbi Unterman had a new change of heart. In his message of 27 Iyar (May 11, 1972) to the international conference of rabbis called together in New York to deal with the problem, Rabbi Unterman reasserts his original position of Sivan 5730 and Shevat 5732, confirming full agreement with the official decree of the Chief Rabbinate that the Mizrachi ministers must leave the government unless the Law of Return is amended to conform with Halacha.

With fascinated anticipation we now look forward to the official reaction of the traditional champions of the Israeli chief rabbinate, namely the Mizrachi executives and representatives in the Cabinet.

**Menachem Kurtz,**
**Willowdale, Ont.**

Dear Editor:

After seeing you last evening at the UJA appreciation affair, when you presented the walkathon plaque, it occurred to me how much time and effort is wasted without benefit of results.

About 15 children came to my door to sponsor them for the walkathon and I happily did so thinking, what a great way it was for children to help the UJA cause through their own effort.

Only four children came to collect their money.

Please urge your walkers and parents of children who walk to follow through and collect their money and we'll all benefit.

**Gail Green**
**Willowdale**

Dear Editor:

Japan must be congratulated for assuming responsibility for its nationals even when these men acted as criminals away from their own country and contrary to the laws and policies of Japan.

This is in contrast to the jubilant and triumphant approval heard from Cairo and Beirut concerning the dastardly murders. Lebanon must bear full responsibility for the act. No country in the world permits a subversive organization to remain unpunished unless it agrees with the policies of that organization. Even Egypt, like the U.S. outlawed the Communist group.

The Japanese fanatics were trained in Lebanon. The Palestinian terrorists have their offices in, and move freely in, Lebanon. The weapons used were supplied by the Palestine organization. Even criminal law punishes accessories to an offence.

Lebanon has hurried to the UN to complain of Israel's words. It is time the UN put Lebanon and its outlaws in their place. Jordan controls its terrorists and Lebanon must do likewise.

**Henry S. Rosenberg**
**Toronto**

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank and commend J. B. Salsberg for his excellent article on how a Jew is reminded that summer is here - By learning Perek.

For too long, Jews have depended on "secular electric clocks" to remind them of what time of day it is; when all along we have neglected our own "Jewish clock", a clock built right into our own tradition.

Jews don't need a Bank of Canada calendar to tell them when fall is coming - we have Sukkoth; Chanukah to signal winter; Pesach for spring; Shavuoth and Pirke Avot for summer. Why look afar, when all we need as Jews is so near?

Finally, I would like to reassure Mr. Salsberg that there are still today many young Jews, who tread piously to the Bet Knesset every Shabbat evening to learn from Perek the ethics, morals and truths that Judaism has to offer. Like Mr. Salsberg, and the Jews of his generation in Europe, and all our forefathers before them we too know that summer is here.

**Shloimie Romberg**
**University of Toronto**

Dear Editor:

After seeing the picture of Mrs. Oslander at the funeral of her husband and child, I feel no nation in its right mind can condemn the so-called "rightists" in Israel who demand that the "Land of Israel" never be partitioned again. Mrs. Oslander would surely not wish, as others reciting Kaddish, to see Arabs having an easier chance to bring sorrow upon thousands of families (especially those living at the old boundary lines) yet unscarred by the loss of children.

Maybe a photograph of those who lost relatives should be distributed to members of the Security Council; who knows, Israel might be condemned for photographic barbarity!

**Jerry Snell**
**Providence, Rhode Island**

# Arabs fumbled media understanding... Free Press editor

By WILLIAM C. HEINE
Editor, London Free Press

BEIRUT -

"On the road to Damascus, I saw a bright light.

"It said STOP."

That was how Donald Shoemaker, editor of **The Miami Herald**, described his attempt in London to board a Middle East Airlines flight to Beirut. He was refused because there was an Israeli stamp in his passport.

The American embassy gave him a new passport unsullied by reference to Israel and he arrived here a day late to participate in a seminar designed to improve communication between the Arab world and western mass media.

The seminar, organized by the Geneva-based Association for International Communication Seminars, did not turn out to be what it was billed.

**ARAB BRAINWASHING**

Instead of a program which encouraged open and frank discussion between Arabs and the 40 American, Canadian and European editors brought here by the Ford Foundation, the seminar turned out to be four days of attempted brainwashing by Arab information officers, Arab sympathizers from the United States, Canada and Britain, academics convinced that western media are biased against Arabs, and by Palestinians who indulged in rhetoric and exhortation.

There were few opportunities for western editors to express views. Question periods were drastically reduced because dull droning speakers endlessly repeated the emotional themes dear to Arab speakers. The format appeared to cast western editors as defendants rather than participants in a discussion. It also made the westerners appear ill-prepared, both on background information and on the merits of their case.

William C. Heine

**MORE COVERAGE**

I listened restlessly for three days, then blew up. Most of all, I deeply resented three misconceptions held by Arab and pro-Arab speakers.

The first was that western editors were uninformed about the Arab world. Of course, some are. But I charged that with some notable exceptions most of the Arabs attending were far less informed about Europeans and North Americans than western editors were about Arabs. The ignorance about western mass media of many Arabs who spoke or who participated was frightening.

A second theme voiced many times was that there is more coverage of Israeli activities in the western press than about the Arab world. There's some validity to that, of course, but not for the reasons imagined by Arabs.

Israel welcomes western newspapermen and makes it easy to gather information both from those who support government policy in Israel and those who disagree with it. Arab countries make travel difficult (the Shoemaker incident is an example) and censorship is common.

Israelis have a powerful and effective lobby in North America, and many Israeli correspondents reporting Canadian and United States attitudes toward Israel. Arab countries have few correspondents in the United States.

Israelis are supported throughout North America and Europe by a network of dedicated Jews who believe in what is being accomplished in Israel and are prepared to sacrifice both time, money and energy to help. Arab communities in North America are almost totally ineffective compared with Jewish communities.

The surprising thing is that coverage of the Arab world is so close to what Israel receives.

**ARAB ATTITUDES**

An illuminating example of Arab attitudes came when Martin Hayden, editor of **The Detroit News**, said that in 14 years he had never had an Arab in his office to present the Arab case. Arabs in the room applauded. Later I confirmed that some of those who applauded did so out of pride that they had not sunk so low as to plead their case in the way they condemned the Israelis for doing. It's not easy to tell people who feel that way that any extra coverage their enemy gets is their fault, not that of the western press.

The third misconception was that western editors are subject to pressure from Jewish advertisers and yield to it. That really got my back up. Jewish supporters of Israel in Canada and the United States are vocal in presenting their opinions, and sometimes noisy in protesting other people's viewpoints. But if Canadian Jews wish to support Israel, that is their right.

Their activities are no different than the Indian lobby in Ottawa, the Pakistani lobby in Washington, the Biafra lobby during the Nigerian War, or the Canadian trade union lobby which tries to influence the federal government on labor legislation.

Canadian Jews have strongly protested some articles published in **The London Free Press**. There have been Canadian and Israeli Jews in my office on more than one occasion to protest the publication of articles which in their opinion were biased, inaccurate, and anti-Israeli. Arabs have also protested articles which support the Israeli cause. Discussion and argument are one thing; direct threats about advertising are another matter entirely.

**ADVERTISING PRESSURE**

Jewish advertisers may sometimes be successful in exerting pressure on daily newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations. But in no instance in my experience has a Canadian Jew ever hinted directly or indirectly at the possibility of exercising advertising pressure to prevent the publication of material he disliked.

After talking to American editors attending the seminar, I'm convinced few of them experience, and none of them yield to, such pressure, either.

The sad thing is, as I wrote in 1969 after my first visit to the Middle East, that the Palestinians have a simple and effective case. They had homes in what is now Israel. For many reasons, they had to leave. Now they cannot go back. They just want to go home again.

Their plight would touch the conscience of the world if they concentrated on it. Instead, they spend too much time either declaiming endlessly about who said what to whom five, 50 or 500 years ago, irresponsibly hijacking or blowing up western airliners loaded with innocent passengers, or financing psychopaths to spray an air terminal with machine-gun fire.

Then they complain about bad press in the west.

**BETTER ORGANIZED**

Like most of the other editors attending the conference, I'm not about to fall into either Arab or Israeli camps. Most of us are prepared to publish anything newsworthy that comes across our desks. If the Israelis are better organized, inevitably they will receive somewhat broader coverage than the Arabs, particularly as many Arab nations obstruct western news coverage.

If Arabs are unhappy about that, it's their problem.

In my opinion, the gap between east and west was not closed by the seminar. If anything, it widened. Most of the Arabs attending had preconceived fantasies about the western mass media. Nothing any of us said or did seemed to modify that opinion in the slightest.

A more effective formula would have been to circulate the position papers of both Arabs and western editors in print a week or two prior to the seminar.

**BARREN SEMINAR**

If those participating were in groups of 10 to 15 around a table, with discussion concentrated on material in the position papers, there might have been useful expression of opinion and meaningful development of new ideas which might in time be useful both to the Arab world, to the Israelis, and to the west.

Lebanon and its people I know and like from two previous visits. Just to see again those lovely mountains and drive up the Litani valley to Baalbek made the long flight worthwhile. The seminar that could have broken down a few of the barriers which separate east and west, however, was a barren four days.

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Mrs. Jacob Monbaz admires cufflinks presented to her husband at the UJA appreciation night. The Monbaz's will leave shortly for their new posting in Malawi

# *Move to Malawi keeps Mrs. Monbaz busy*

By MIRIAM HERMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO -

Moving from Toronto to Africa naturally entails a lot of planning and Marilyn Monbaz has been very busy since the announcement of her husband's appointment as Israeli ambassador to Malawi.

Blantyre, the capitol, is a modern city with a population of 200,000 where everything is available. Beforehand shopping is apparently unnecessary and since the Monbaz's are going to a well-established, fully - staffed embassy they will only have to be concerned with packing their personal effects.

Language will present no problem for the Montreal-born American wife of the Israeli diplomat. Malawi, formerly the British protectorate of Nyasaland, has remained in the British Commonwealth since its independence eight years ago and English is the official diplomatic language.

It will be a whole new experience nevertheless, with unfamiliar cultures, customs, surroundings and of course official duties which will differ from those in Montreal and Toronto.

As Mrs. Monbaz explained, a consul-general represents Israel to the Jewish community (they sometimes attended as many as five functions an evening) whereas an ambassador represents his country to the host government and other foreign envoys.

"Which means that I will be doing a great deal of entertaining," she said. "And since the Jewish community there consists of a small colony of 20-25 Israeli technicians, any Jewish 'events' will be initiated by my husband and myself."

What was the highlight of her year in Toronto? According to Mrs. Monbaz it was the people, their warmth, their friendliness and their great dedication. "It was a most gratifying and rewarding posting," she added. "It was like coming home."

*Looking Ahead*

# Jews and Christians work to free Herman Branover

By Dr. STUART E. ROSENBERG

This week Dr. Yishai Branover from Riga, Latvia, who received permission to leave for Israel in November, 1971, visited me on a special mission. His brother, Professor Herman Branover, 40, has not been able to get an exit visa, even though he is the first Jew in history to have been ordained a rabbi by telephone! His longings for Israel are religious, not political. Chief Rabbi Isser Unterman ordained him a rabbi by telephone, as did Rabbi Immanuel Jacobvitz, chief rabbi of the United Kingdom.

In 1952, when Rabbi Herman Branover was only 20 years old, he was a typical Communist, having been brainwashed for 20 years in the school system of Communist Latvia. But something happened to him - something so traumatic that he could never tear it out of his mind! He watched, as the Communists removed 26,000 volumes from the University of Riga Library and burned them? Simply because they were written by Jews - books on every subject under the sun. By Einstein, Spinoza, Lessing, etc. This subject matter was not important - only that the author was Jewish!

When Herman Branover saw this, he began to ask himself questions. Those questions led to his self-teaching. He acquired a Jewish Prayer Book and from it taught himself Hebrew - and now the rest is history. He taught himself the Bible, the Mishna, the Talmud, and much more.

I spoke to him a few days ago. He was in hiding for many weeks during and before the Nixon visit. Fortunately, when I reached him by phone from Beth Tzedec, his brother Yishai, my guest, was at my side and could speak to him, too. It was a dramatic and exciting moment.

The case is so unusual that the United Church of Canada's secretary general, Dr. Ernest Long, was willing to see him at once at my request, and then sent External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp, with whom I had made arrangements for Dr. Branover to meet in Ottawa, this important letter.

We hear so much about the United Church and how it has done wrong things vis-a-vis the Jews. Let us applaud them when they do the right thing! Here is Dr. Long's letter exactly as written:

"Dear Mr. Sharp:

"Last evening I was called up by Mr. Yishai Branover, who is a citizen of Israel formerly from Latvia. Mr. Branover came to ask me to write to you concerning his brother, Professor Herman Branover, who is still in Riga, Latvia, and who is living there under very difficult conditions.

"Professor Herman Branover is a very noted scientist. He has been a Professor of Physics in the University of Riga and is one of the world's outstanding authorities in magnetohydrodynamics and in plasma dynamics. For these he is well known in the scientific world in many countries. He is also a deeply religious Jew. He has nothing whatever to do with politics. His request I understand is purely humanitarian. He has been forced to leave his position in the University and to live in conditions of extreme privation.

"Professor Branover is anxious to emigrate to Israel so that he may be reunited with his family and also pursue his work as a scientist.

"I know how difficult it is to interfere in situations like this, but if you can speak a good word on his behalf to the Soviet authorities it would be greatly appreciated."

Yours very sincerely,
Dr. Ernest Long
Secretary General

# *Kitchener-Waterloo UJA plans early blitz campaign*

KITCHENER -

The Kitchener - Waterloo United Jewish Appeal has advanced this year's campaign by several months and -- unlike past years -- will attempt to reach its goal through a blitz - like fund drive. Sidney Bergstein, 1972 UJA chairman here announced recently.

Bergstein, who succeeds Harry Bierstock as chairman, told a recent executive meeting here that this year's campaign will be a more concentrated one and will begin at the end of the month. The drive traditionally got under way in the fall.

It is hoped that this year's goal will cover the cost of bringing three families of Soviet Jews to Israel and absorbing them into society there.

While reorganizing the strategy and timing of this year's fund drive, additional elections were held with Leo Wolynetz being elected to the new post of first vice president. As first vice president he will be in charge of all canvassers and will assume the leadership of the 1973 campaign.

Ruth Joseph and Charlotte Levine will spearhead a women's division campaign -- a first for the community of 120 Jewish families.

Dr. Gunther Plaut, rabbi of Toronto's Holy Blossom, will be guest speaker at the annual Campaign Evening Monday, June 26, at Kitchener's Holiday Inn.

# Grant to aid 'Meals on Wheels'

TORONTO -

The Ontario government will provide assistance to the United Jewish Welfare Fund's "Meals on Wheels" program, Rene Brunelle, minister of community and social services has announced.

Under the Elderly Persons Act, the United Jewish Welfare Fund "will become eligible for operating grants, as well as program enrichment grants," he said at a Monday luncheon in honor of the many volunteers in the "Meals on Wheels" project.

Lawrence Crawford, director of the Homes for the Aged and Office on Aging branch of the ministry which will be handling the grants, commented that the UJWF "becomes a corporation eligible to be given grants. That makes it a definite commitment that the province of Ontario will provide an appropriate grant."

The maximum grant the government will consider is $15,000, Crawford told The CJN. In the coming year 230 volunteers will deliver a total of 27,000 meals (about 130 meals per day).

Pearl Langer, chairman of the Meals on Wheels program for the past three years, will remain on the Advisory Committee and as chairman of the Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly, a division of the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

Succeeding Mrs. Langer as chairman of Meals on Wheels, is Sue Feldman, who began as a volunteer driver, captain and also served on the steering committee. Volunteer Co-ordinator Jennie Cass, introduced head table guests and speakers.

The backbone of the Meals on Wheels program are the volunteer drivers, who now number over 250, Mrs. Cass told the luncheon meeting. Captains and co - captains who organize each day's delivery, saw to it that not one single recipient missed a hot meal during the long winter.

The Hebrew Weston Charitable Services, who pioneered the concept of providing hot kosher meals for patients at Weston Sanitorium many years ago, are very much involved in the program today. In the past six years they have raised over $28,000 for Meals on Wheels.


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# Songs, tales, rhymes form anthology of Toronto Yiddish folklore

Professor Dov Noy

By BRAM CADSBY

TORONTO –

"Go rarely where you are loved, and never where you are hated."

Do you recognize this Yiddish proverb? What associations, what memories come to mind as you hear it? Dov Noy, professor of Folklore and Hebrew Literature at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, has made it his business to find out.

Dr. Noy is spending the summer in Toronto in order to collect, analyze, and publish some of that pre-World War II Yiddish folk-literature which still permeates this city's Jewish community. His ventures are being supported by the Canadian Centre for Folk - Culture Studies, Ottawa, and the Eliakum Zuneer Centre for the Study of East European Jewish Folklore, Jerusalem.

Together with six collectors, ranging in experience from a first-year university student to a PhD candidate, Dr. Noy has recently completed the first stage of his study, primarily concerned with compiling folksongs. A sample of the collected material will be submitted for publication in the Folklore (Anthropological) Series, edited by Carmen Roy and sponsored by the National Museum of Canada.

"Numerous among the songs are the songs of labor and social protest, some of them remembered from the Old Home, but most of them learned in local workmen's unions and circles, party clubs, schools, youth camps, etc.", says Dr. Noy in his interim report.

Nevertheless, he emphasizes that "only a thorough analysis of the collected material" will yield a final and complete classification of the data.

In the coming weeks, Dr. Noy intends to continue searching for specified songs as well as for counting-out verses and children's rhymes. However, his basic concern will now be for the collecting of "folktales, parables, animal tales, jokes and anecdotes heard by the informants either in Europe or in Canada."

Dr. Noy views his summer studies as a pilot project from which he hopes a more extensive study of Canadian Judaica will grow. "A project of this kind would reflect the vivid ethno-cultural memory and folk-tradition creativity in the seven main Jewish-Canadian communities," he says.

Though he himself will return to Israel in the fall, Dr. Noy is hoping that suitable persons can be found to both supervise and finance an expanded project.

# *Christian editor cannot understand why non-Jews remain apathetic towards Israel*

By GARY LAFORET
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –

Fred Kingsley, a Christian who has been to Israel twice, told more than 100 persons at the Zionist Centre last Wednesday night that he could not understand why many non - Jews were "apathetic at best" towards Israel.

"Israel means too much to be taken lightly or with indifference," said Kingsley, the editorial page editor of The St. Catharines Standard.

"I understand you have been having some trouble lately with a certain United Church clergyman," he told his audience, "but I wish to assure you that not all of us Christians are so blind we can't see the Israeli trees for the Forrest."

Speaking on his personal impressions of Israel, Kingsley said Israel was an experience that could be shared by Jews and non-Jews alike.

He described the arrival of his most recent trip to Israel and said that when the jet, loaded with Jews and Christians, landed at Lod Airport, "we were all coming home."

Next to the "courage and optimism" of the people there, Kingsley said Israel's strange mixture of the very old and the very new awed him most. He cited the modern airport tower situated next to a grove of olive trees at Lod airport as an example.

Fred Kingsley

Despite the vast differences in religious beliefs and customs, Kingsley said he feels that "if he travels with open eyes and an open heart, a Christian can't help but feel at home there."

Asked during the question period following his keynote address if he had seen any Arab refugee camps, Kingsley replied that as far as he knew there were "identical refugee camps on both sides of the border" and that Arabs living in Israel were "doing almost as well as Israelis."

Following Kingsley's keynote address, the Toronto Zionist Council presented Col. and Mrs. Jacob Monbaz with a farewell gift. The consul general of Israel in Toronto has been appointed ambassador to Malawi in Africa.

The Toronto Zionist Council also presented Dr. Mark Zimmerman, past president of the organization, with an award for his work in the community.

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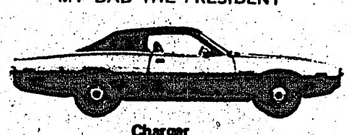

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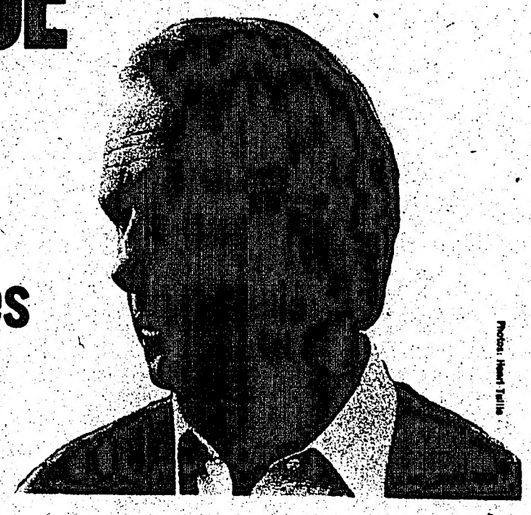

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# International news

## *Sadat's threats*
# Attack unlikely

JERUSALEM (JCNS) -

Reports from London that President Sadat is contemplating a surprise strike against Israel are not taken seriously in informed circles here. Moshe Dayan's recent suggestion that Israel should think in terms of a 10 or 15 year occupation of Sinai is considered more realistic.

The most sober Israeli estimate is that Sadat is in absolutely no position to launch any kind of operation against Israel without risking a conflagration which he would be in no position to control.

Egypt's continuous campaign depicting the Lydda massacre as a great Arab victory - despite widespread international condemnation - is seen in Jerusalem as reflecting Cairo's desperate frustration which, despite his brave words, even Sadat realizes he cannot relieve by military action.

The Russian's restrictive arms policy is preventing Egypt chancing its arm in some act of madness. It is now clear - and President Gaddafi of Libya has publicly confirmed - Egypt has not received the highly offensive Tupolev 22 missile fire aircraft from the Russians. There is also no indication that the Egyptians have been given the MiG 23, a version of which has flown in Egyptian skies as purely reconnaisance aircraft.

The expert assessment here is that as long as Egyptian forces do not have these weapons, master them and put them into operational use, it will be unthinkable for the Egyptian general staff to contemplate any kind of strike action. That the Egyptian army is disciplined to avoid incidents is clearly demonstrated by the fact that even the anniversary of the '67 was passed without one stray shot being fired across the Suez Canal.

Anwar Sadat

# *Hundreds of Iraqi Jews allowed to leave*

GENEVA (JCNS) -

Hundreds of Iraqi Jews were allowed to leave Iraq during 1971 and rejoin families throughout the world. The Iraqi Jewish community now numbers about 500, compared with 2,500 a year ago and 150,000 before the establishment of Israel.

This was revealed this week at the annual conference of the United Hias Service - the international Jewish migration agency - by its executive vice-president, Gaynor Jacobson. The organization assists Jews to emigrate to countries other than Israel, (which is the responsibility of the Jewish Agency). Jacobson reported that Jewish life had come to an end in Egypt. He reported little progress in Syria, where the 4,000 Jews are deprived of basic liberties and held as hostages.

Jacobson expressed the hope that Syria would follow in the path set by Egypt and Iraq in permitting Jews to leave. Against the background to increased emigration from the Soviet Union, Jacobson reported that UHS in New York and other agencies were receiving hundreds of applications from American Jews on behalf of their Soviet relatives.

# *Israel reduces deficit*

HAIFA (JCNS) -

According to the latest annual report of the Bank of Israel, the country's trade deficit narrowed by $90 million in 1971 - from $1,282 million in 1970 to $1,196 million last year.

The improvement had not been foreseen, according to sources in the Central Bureau of Statistics. Figures issued by the CBOS, published in the Bank of Israel report, show that product per hour-of-work went up by 19.8 per cent and not 15.7 per cent as estimated by the Institute for Measuring, Production and Incomes.

The Bank's 430-page report makes it clear, however, that wages cannot be boosted without causing inflation, owing to Israel's trade deficit. Extra output does not increase consumption in the local market - it is deflected abroad to pay for Israel's imported surplus.

The balance of payments improved in 1971. The dollar inflow (that does not have to be repaid) reached a record-breaking $800 million from institutions and private individuals.

The boom in property prices attracted more money from immigrants, who have to pay more for their flats. In addition, Israelis with money held illegally abroad find investment in property at home "a good thing" and have repatriated funds. To make it "kosher" with the authorities they report it as a gift from overseas.

Investments and loans that do involve repayment totalled $760 million making a total capital inflow of $1,560 million. This exceeded the trade deficit by $364. After declining in the three years 1968 - 1970, Israel's foreign exchange reserves increased by $215 million last year.


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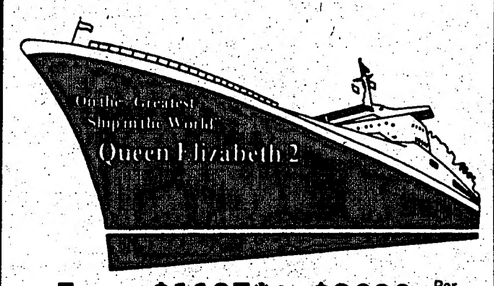

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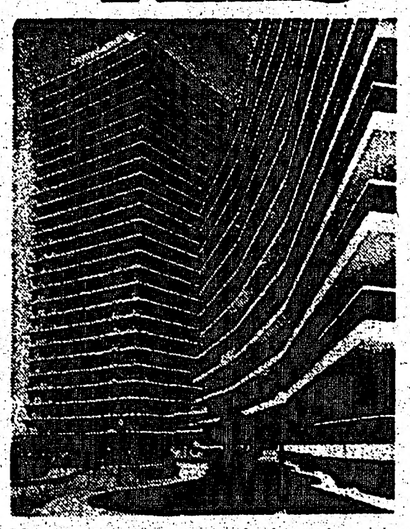

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## Arts

# European Jewish music parallels, enriches American Black arts

By RICK KARDONNE

American Black music from the South, up to and including the Memphis sound, is surprisingly parallel in many ways to East European Jewish music prior to the Holocaust in both spirit and actual melodic-lyrical content.

The social position of the Jew in East Europe was analogous to the Black's position in today's South: the outcast and the object of both cultural and physical oppression.

Even though the whites in the South were also Christian, the Black church developed a character of its own: that of the oppressed, with stronger emphasis on Old Testament passages such as the Exodus and the trials and tribulations of ancient Israel. Many Black spirituals are Judaic in content (such as **Go Down Moses** or **Ezekiel Saw the Wheel**); a much higher percentage than to be found in any white church. Southern Black music often blended the sacred and the secular into one folk medium; also a characteristic of much East European Yiddish literature and music which has not appeared anywhere else within the Western world.

The secular counterpart of the Black spirituals were the blues, a melodic progression with an African melodic root which was transformed by conditions in the American South into an original art form.

If one compares the lyrics of many original Black blues to much East European Yiddish literature, one can notice striking similarities in spirit; the same satirical irony based on a coarse, sensuous imagery can be amply found in both forms of expression.

Expressions such as "If you're too sweet, they'll eat you up", "Barking dogs don't bite, but they themselves don't know it" and "I rub him with honey but still he stinks from tar" are found in Nathan Ausubel's **Treasury of Jewish Humor**. They could have just as easily have come from such American Black bluesmen as Howlin' Wolf or B. B. King.

Both forms of expression centre around the contrast between the funkiness and meanness of everyday life in contrast to the promises of salvation.

Similarly, if one listens to both American Black gospel music and East European cantorial music, he will find certain musical similarities; the kvetch of the East European cantor can also be heard in the voice of the lead singer of many Southern Black Baptist services; the responses of the congregation alternating with a leader throughout prayers, and, more important, that total freedom to participate and join in the main chants (free-form sing-alongs) are similarities in the form of both Black church and Chassidic services which do not appear at all among white Christian equivalents.

In the United States for the past 50 years, there has been an exciting cross-fertilization between Black and Jewish music scenes which has led to the enrichment of both.

A prime reason for this has been a certain similarity of backgrounds, even though the Jewish travail took place 8,000 miles away from the locale of the Black travail.

With the Jesus movement reinforcing the Christian aspect of American Black life, however, it is imperative for Jewish creative artists to reaffirm their creative heritage, stressing both similarities and differences to other cultures with whom they may come into contact; especially one as dynamically creative and fluid as is the present American Black music scene.

Only by knowing our own scene will we be able to fully understand and meaningfully relate to others.

# *Zany novel's success embarrasses Council*

By CANDICE LICHTMAN

TORONTO -

A 44 year old "media gypsy" has surprised the Canada Council by writing what is fast on its way to becoming an "underground" best-seller among college and high school students.

In an informal seminar discussion with about 40 students of Northview Collegiate, some in chairs; others lying comfortably on the floor, Martin Myers tells of the Canada Council's embarassment in finding his first novel, **The Assignment** widely praised by critics. Members of the council, who had rejected Myers' application for a grant, might well be muttering now, "but how were we to know?"

**The Assignment** is one of those books that is impossible to describe without making it sound ridiculous. Zany characters tumbling through absurd coincidences make it a funny, witty, entertaining novel. Yet it has the depth to provoke such comments as the one by Northrop Frye, well known Canadian scholar and literary critic, of being "a kind of conspiratorial story in which the direction and nature of this conspiracy is never quite defined and which seems to me to be one of the central imaginative pathos of our time."

Little escapes Myers' satirical humor of the advertising industry with which he is intimately familiar, sexual fetishes, "Jewish fetishes", insane asylums with psychiatrists wearing "droopy orange socks", philanthropy, a "laquer-black" man "in a world where everybody else is some shade of white, or brown, or red, or yellow". . . . The list goes on.

The main character, Spiegel, is perhaps reminiscent of the tattered junkman Myers had seen as a young boy, pushing his cart up and down the streets of the Bloor and Markham area while calling out for old remnants and castoffs. He forms a business company, the Junk Foundation with J. J. Jonas, a one-eyed, "definitive corporate executive scoundrel" (in the words of the author), the purpose being to collect and display decaying civilizations. When the junkman finds a baby for which he has always longed amidst the junk, a trial ensues, and the junkman's "assignment" is in danger. What is the assignment? Are the grey-faced committee of 11 and Chief Assigning Officer just the delusions of a mad philosophy professor in an insane asylum? Who is the sinister third party Spiegel fears is controlling his life? Is it the novelist? God?

Part of the novel's appeal to a generation so in tune to films and television lies in its mixture of different styles. Beginning in a traditional, Dickensian mode, the tempo and rhythm of the writing quickens until the form changes to that of a modern novel and nearing the end is transformed into the script of a film.

Myer's life has been as much of a media collage as his first novel. Until six years ago he had had 46 different jobs in western Canada and Toronto, editing magazines, working in TV stations and in advertising. He then moved to Baltimore with his wife and two teenage children where he completed a masters program in creative writing at John Hopkins University. In the coming two years he will add still another role to his knapsack of experience as visiting associate professor at the University of Toronto's Scarborough College.

Ultimately Myers feels that there are no answers, only questions. In eras long past, Spiegel has lived the lives of conquerors, renowned writers, famous lovers. . . . A symbol of the Jew wandering over the barriers of space and time, he passes through the Diaspora, says the author, "never sure of who he is, whether he is Jewish, what he is." He has the universality of a confused Everyman seeking a purpose in life.

# Community Bulletin Board

It has become an established tradition for members of Yorkdale Lodge to set the Bond pace for Toronto B'nai Brith. They've done it again with the announcement that Wolfe Justein will be the Israel Bond Award Recipient at this year's Annual Bond Dinner, November 25th at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Tribute Committee members will meet on August 9th at the Hyatt House to set the wheels in motion for a record lodge Bond effort. Yorkdale Lodge officers congratulate Wolfe Justein on his unanimous appointment. Left to right: Chaim (Mike) Neuberger, Israel Bond Chairman; Charles Goldlust, 1st Vice-President; Ruben Applebaum, President, and Wolfe Justein.

On Tuesday June 13, Rabbi Goren addressed the farewell party of the Chug Aliyah sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation. The gathering heard Rabbi Goren call for greater efforts to increase Aliyah from our city and at the same time blessed those individuals who have chosen to settle in Israel this coming year. Head table guests from left to right are: Colonel Yacov Monbez, Director Israel Aliyah Centre, Frank Dimant, Executive Director Zionist Federation (F.Z.O.C.), Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Harry Wienstock, Vice-President Canadian Zionist Federation (F.Z.O.C.), Mark Lane, Chairman Aliyah Committee and Milton Kluman, Chairman Chug Aliyah.

Pictured from left to right at the annual meeting of the Jewish Family and Child Service, held May 24 at the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization building, are: Mr. Jerome D. Diamond, Executive Director of JFCS; Mr. Henry G. Goodman, retiring president of JFCS and Mr. Irving Beckerman, newly elected president.


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